

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

**Listing of Claims**

21. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus comprising:  
a decoding means for decoding a plurality of coded signals and outputting respective decoded signals;  
a-storage means for storing said decoded signals; and  
~~a-select~~selecting means for selecting a decoded signal corresponding to a coded signal which is in the decoding process of said decoding means;  
wherein said decoding means decodes each of said coded signals according to the respective decoded signal selected by said ~~select~~selecting means.

22. (previously presented) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said decoding means decodes said coded signals according to time division multiplexing.

23. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said decoding means decodes said coded ~~signal~~signals by motion compensating and predicting according to said decoded signal.

24. (currently amended) A picture decoding apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said decoding means inputs video signals which are coded in MPEG-1/2/4 and decodes said video signals according to a corresponding decoding procedure.

25. (previously presented) A picture decoding method comprising the steps of:  
decoding a plurality of coded signals and outputting respective decoded signals;  
storing said decoded signals; and  
selecting a decoded signal corresponding to a coded signal which is in the decoding process;  
wherein each of said coded signals is decoded according to the respective decoded signal selected in said selecting step.